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CIA Director Charges NBC

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PETER JENNINGS: The CIA Director, William Casey, charged today that an NBC News report about U.S. submarine activities violated a law against disclosing information about communications intelligence. Mr. Casey said he's referring the matter to the Justice Department.

NBC reported that accused spy Ronald Pelton may have given the Soviets information about a sensitive project called Ivy Bells. The network identified Ivy Bells as an underwater eavesdropping operation by American submarines inside Soviet harbors.

NBC says it has referred Mr. Casey's allegations to legal counsel for review.